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Transmitted herewith for filing by Express Mail is the incomplete patent application of Kern L. Cooper, Mark K. Call, and Richard S. Meyer, entitled ULTRA-HIGH-PRESSURE VEGETABLE STERILIZATION METHOD AND PRODUCT. This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/459,066, filed March 27, 2003.

- X   1. An application for patent consisting of 27 pages of specification, including the claims and Abstract of the Disclosure, and 3 sheets of drawings is attached.
- X   2. A Declaration and Power of Attorney is not attached. Please file this application in the names of the inventors listed above.
- X   3. Small entity status is asserted in this matter.
- X   4. No fee is enclosed.
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